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Every player a winner at Lakeland Rookie Baseball wind-up

Every player was declared a winner at the Lakeland Rookie Baseball League year-end tournament in Elk Point on Saturday. Rookie baseball teams (above, left to right) Bonnyville 2 and 1, Cold Lake 1 and 2, St. Paul 2 and the host team from Elk Point lined up on the base lines for the closing ceremonies after a day of action-filled games, with early-morning showers moving off to provide fair weather for the tournament. Not shown are additional Cold Lake and St. Paul teams and a team from Goodfish Lake. The league's ninth team, from Lac La Biche, was unable to attend the tournament. Story, Page 2.

At left, the Elk Point Rookies, coached by Dennell Anderson and Lindsay McFarlane, proudly show off their year-end trophies.



Fun, food and festivity on Canada Day

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The largest-ever federal contribution toward Elk Point's Canada Day celebrations has the Canada Day Committee looking forward to July 1 with renewed excitement. Fears expressed at the previous meeting that cutbacks in the program could be necessary went out the door with the arrival of a \$2,425 grant, the largest ever for this community, and a big jump from last year's \$1,600. Generous local donations have also arrived since the last meeting, giving the committee a healthy bank balance to finance the many activities.

As usual, the day will start off at 8 a.m. with the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast in the Servus Credit Union parking lot. By the time the breakfast lineups are growing short, the parade lineup on Railway Avenue west of 50 Street will be growing long, in anticipation of judging, which begins at 10:30.

There are only four parade categories this year: Business, Special Interest Groups (which includes antique cars, horseback riders and horse-drawn vehicles), Children's Clubs and Organizations and Adult Clubs and

Organizations. The separate theme category from previous years has been eliminated, because it was confusing to both judges and entrants. All categories are encouraged to follow the day's overall theme, "Celebrate Canada."

The kids and their bikes will be judged at 10:45, and that contingent will once again lead the parade.

The committee was excited to report that they have two parade marshals: Mark Letestu of the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins, the farm team for Stanley Cup winning Pittsburgh Penguins, and Lorraine Danyluk, wife of Minister of Municipal Affairs Ray Danyluk, who may share this honour.

The parade will follow the same route as last year, and could be enhanced by a fly-over by the Canadian Forces out of Cold Lake.

A variety of food will be available throughout the day. From noon until 3 p.m. the Elk Point Skating Club operating the booth in the A. G. Ross Arena, the Christian Community Church will offer their usual tasty selection of pies and Elk Point Allied Arts will be barbecuing hot dogs on the arena grounds, while the Ukrainian Dance Club will be serving ice cream and offering face painting near the

outdoor skating rink. The Canada Day birthday cake will also be served during the stage show.

Meanwhile, downtown, Elk Point Co-op will be helping out the Elk Point Municipal Library with a fundraising lunch from noon to 4 p.m., until the Elks Lodge is ready to open their doors for their beef-on-a-bun supper, which goes until 6:30 p.m. Hot dogs will be available at the Arts and Leisure Centre during the early evening.

Laverne Wilson and his fun-loving crew of volunteers will be all set to entertain the youngsters with a wide variety of activities on the outdoor skating rink from 1 to 2 p.m.

The official flag raising at 1 p.m. will kick off the afternoon stage show, this year featuring Nashville recording artist Harry Rusk, Elk Point Ukrainian Dancers and much more, along with the presentation of prizes from the Canada Day Yard Contest.

Three very popular and crowd-pleasing competitions are also on the agenda this year, all in new locations.

The 3 p.m. Strong Man Competition has moved from the sun-baked streets of the downtown area into the much cooler environment for both spectators and participants, in the A. G. Ross Arena.

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Municipalities explore water options

By JANICE HUSER,
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SHAUNA BURKE

Review Contributors

A recently completed water feasibility study seems to be directing the Town of Elk Point to move forward with the idea to construct a water line that would bring water from the Town of St. Paul water treatment plant, through the County of St. Paul and to the community of Elk Point.

At the last County of St. Paul council meeting on June 9, council heard from John Van Doesburg, the project management consultant, working with the involved municipalities on the study.

"I think Elk Point is number one priority and I think Lottie Lake, Ashmont is right behind that," said Van Doesburg. He also added that many northern communities are about 10 years behind southern Alberta communities when it comes to water. This is mostly due to a difference in necessity.

Reeve Robert Bouchard asked Van Doesburg about cost sharing in regards to the Elk Point project. Van Doesburg then asked council if the county would want to allow county residents along the line to tie into the system, as this

would affect cost sharing. Council hadn't previously discussed this matter.

Much of the costs associated with this Elk Point project will be covered by the provincial government. The entire costs associated with any upgrades that need to be done to the St. Paul treatment plant will be covered and 90 per cent of the pipeline costs are covered, explained Van Doesburg.

He also explained that the province would like to see a commission set up since commissions can be run more like a business.

"There's a fallacy in this province that water's free," said Van Doesburg.

Elk Point representatives at the meeting mentioned they were in favour of the commission.

Later that same day, at a Town of St. Paul council meeting, the issue was further discussed as Town of St. Paul CAO Ron Boisvert, who was in attendance at the county meeting, brought information to town council.

"Elk Point now has to decide if they would like to purchase our water, but the government is indicating to them that coming through St. Paul is the cheapest," explained Boisvert.

"If we want to go into a commission with them,

(the commission) would buy out all our assets, the whole water treatment plant, then we would be part of the commission and the operating expenses and future costs," explained Boisvert.

"With all due respect to the Town of Elk Point and to the County of St. Paul, let them go back to the drawing board. I have no interest in a commission," Town of St. Paul Coun. Trevor Kotowich stated emphatically.

"I think we have discussed that previously, and our council was unanimous on not having a commission and we have discussed it thoroughly. It would be nice, but not for St. Paul and our residents because we would assume and pay for some of the debt for all that infrastructure that's going to be put in, which is good for other communities but St. Paul doesn't need that debt," explained Andersen.

"We were diligent enough in the past to get a really good water treatment plant with the best water in Alberta. Why would we want to enter a commission or sell our infrastructure? It makes no sense."

At the county council meeting, it was noted that the Town of St. Paul could act as observers in the com-

mission and cost sharing of projects would only involve municipalities who were directly involved and benefiting from the projects.

"The big thing is to start the permitting," said Van Doesburg, at the county meeting. He explained that this process can take longer than the actual construction of the line.

"We should try to move on this as soon as we can," said County of St. Paul Coun. Frank Sloan. "We're getting value for our money right now."

It was also mentioned that if the Town of St. Paul sells water to Elk Point and there should be a shortage of water at some point, St. Paul would still have to share the water with the Town of Elk Point and possibly some county residents along the line. Mayor Andersen did not feel this

was a problem.

"I don't think that there is any intention to shut anybody off of water," said Andersen. "If there is rationing then it would be all communities on that distribution system that would be rationing the water."

A motion to explore the feasibility of becoming a commission was carried by County of St. Paul council. Councillors also agreed that the municipalities involved still had some homework to do in regards to the Elk Point water line.

As for the Ashmont and Lottie Lake areas, the County of St. Paul is looking at upgrading the Ashmont water treatment plant and installing a pipeline from Ashmont to Lottie Lake.

The communities of Spedden and Mallaig will also be looked at in the future.

County Motions

Other motions passed at the June 9 regular County of St. Paul council meeting after an In Camera session include a motion by Sloan to issue a \$2,673 grant to the Mann Lake Golf Course to help offset costs.

Coun. Glen Ockerman also made a motion to set up a committee to look at a potential appeal or intervenor status "for a new utility corridor that is proposed in our county," according to CAO Sheila Kitz. Reeve Bouchard, Ockerman and Kitz were appointed to the committee.

Coun. Cliff Martin also made a motion to approve the Laford School Property Agreement with St. Paul Education Regional Division, with amendments, regarding the demolition of the school and sale of the land.

Elk Point hosts Lakeland Rookie Baseball year-end tournament

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Three teams from Cold Lake, two each from Bonnyville and St. Paul and one from Goodfish Lake visited their Elk Point counterparts on Saturday to wind up their 2009 season in great style at the Lakeland Rookie Baseball League's year-end tournament. The league's ninth team, from Lac La Biche, was unable to attend.

Morning showers came close to postponing the one-day tourney, but organizer Dennell Anderson made the decision to go ahead, and at the closing ceremonies, Elk Point Minor Ball president Laverne Wilson thanked the other teams "for believing me when I said it wasn't raining here."

Mayor Parrish Tung welcomed the players, coaches and parents to Elk Point and

said the day "turned out much better than we anticipated this morning."

"In this age group, competition is something to be treasured. You may be back in five years playing with an older team, and remember coming here as rookies. When you're an adult, you will remember the good old days when you could hit the ball and run. I hope you all had a great time," Mayor Tung said.

Wilson thanked the parents for bringing their youngsters, the babysitters that enabled the parents to do so, the sponsors and the booth workers "who missed watching their children play while they were working."

Wilson said he "watched all the games, and you're all winners. You all get a trophy. Mr. Church, the league president, said so."



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Canada Day lineup

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With construction of the EcoCentre underway at its former site, the always-hilarious Farm Survival Challenge will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. south of the tennis courts and behind F. G. Miller High School, with limited bleacher seating available.

Last year's overflow crowd at the first-ever Canada Day Idol competition had that event seeking a larger venue. This year, the 8:30 p.m. show moves to the beautiful venue of the Arts and Leisure Centre for the first time.

The 11 p.m. fireworks display has also moved, back to its original location north of A. G. Ross Arena.

Crusaders acknowledge 2008-09 athletes

By MIKE POMERLEAU
Review Contributor

Last Wednesday, students at F. G. Miller Jr./Sr. High School in Elk Point celebrated another successful year of athletics by holding their athletics banquet. The students, coaches and volunteers all packed into the school's gymnasium and celebrated the year that was and acknowledged everyone for all the time they put in this year.

The school was very busy this year in several sports, and despite not coming away with much early on in the school year, the students still persevered and at the end of the year, the school was awarded when they won their first SPAA banner in over four years. And it was their first jr. high track & field banner in the school's history.

"In the end we finished strong and by far the highlight was beating Racette," athletic director Jeff Aarts said. "And that'll be something that those students remember for the rest of their lives."

There were other accomplishments too, such as athletes doing well in cross-country, badminton, as well as in the team sports.

It was also a night of goodbyes as the school said farewell to their graduating students, and then at the end of the night, they also said farewell to their athletic director and teacher, who is leaving the school at the end of the year. It was a very emotional farewell for everyone that was in attendance, especially for Aarts, but when all was said and done, Aarts got a standing ovation from the small crowd, for all the work he's done.

"In the last 10 years that I've been here, I've seen tremendous growth in all students and I think in the future, whoever does take my place has a great start. And as long as they continue to build and continue to get the community support that's needed to run programs like this, then everything will continue to go on," said Aarts.

Looking ahead to next year though, Aarts said the school has plenty to look forward to.

"I believe that our strengths are in our Grade 7 to 10 students," said Aarts. "We have a couple of kids in Grade 11 that are athletic and are into athletics but as a whole, our strengths are in junior high right now and I hope these young students continue into senior high."

Correction

Our apologies to Guy Genereux of St. Paul and District Victim Services, who was mistakenly referred to in the *Elk Point Review's* June 9 story, "CAPC bids farewell to RCMP Sgt. Eagles" as Guy Germain.

Award winners

Golf: MVP – Jarret Quinney; sportsmanship – Tyson Bristow

Cross-Country: Jr. boys MVP – Kurtis Deschamps; jr. boys sportsman – Logan Becker; jr. girls MVP – Katie Maennchen; jr. girls sportsman – Madeline Ludlage; sr. boys MVP – Stephan John; sr. boys sportsman – Brendan Bishop; sr. girls MVP – Alyx Aarbo; sr. girls sportsman – Shalene Bezpalko

Jr. boys volleyball: MVP – Wyatt Dewan; sportsman – Brayden Vinge; most improved – Josh Aarbo

Jr. girls volleyball: MVP – Katie Maennchen; sportsman – Kelsey Lindquist; most improved – Kelsey Vinge

Sr. boys volleyball: MVP – Tyson Bristow; sportsman – Ben Blacklock; most improved – Brett Lindquist

Sr. girls volleyball: MVP – Taylor Jenner; sportsman – Alyx Aarbo; most improved – Caitlin Brooks

Jr. boys basketball: MVP – Mark Proski; sportsman – Zachary Mohyluk; most improved – Evan Faithful

Jr. girls basketball: MVP – Katie Maennchen & Kelsey Lindquist; sportsman – Stephanie Ferris; most improved – Lisa Vallee

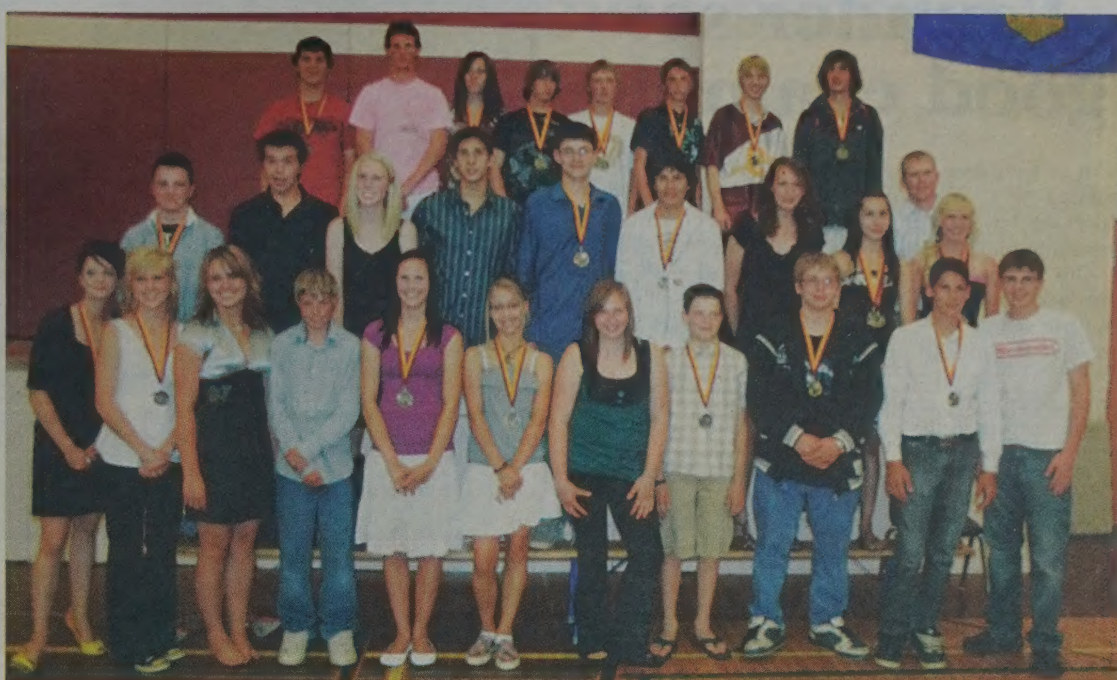
Sr. boys basketball: MVP – Brett Lindquist; sportsman – Dusty Frisby; most improved – Greg Babcock

Jr. badminton: girls doubles MVP – Kelsey Vinge and Seanna Leaf; boys singles MVP – Jamie Wozniak; girls singles MVP – Kelsey Lindquist; girls sportsmanship – Katie Maennchen; boys sportsmanship – Jamie Wozniak; girls most improved – Sarah McCarthy

Sr. badminton: MVP – Taylor Jenner and Shalene Bezpalko; sportsman – Jordan Krankowsky

Jr. track & field: girls MVP – Lindsay

Sr. track & field: girls MVP – Lindsay



Mike Pomerleau photo

The student athletes at F.G. Miller and athletic director Jeff Aarts (second top row, right corner) pose for a picture at the F.G. Miller athletic banquet last Wednesday.

MacDonald; boys MVP – Logan Becker; boys sportsman – Kyle Bader; girls sportsman – Amber Ference

Sr. track & field: boys MVP – John Schmitt; girls MVP – Alyx Aarbo; boys sportsman – Tyson Bristow; girls sportsman – Taylor Jenner

Jr. girls sportsman of the year – Kelsey Lindquist

Jr. boys sportsman of the year – Josh Aarbo

Sr. girls sportsman of the year – Taylor Jenner

Sr. boys sportsman of the year – Tyson Bristow

Jr. girls athlete of the year – Katie Maennchen

Jr. boys athlete of the year – Wyatt Dewan

Sr. girls athlete of the year – Taylor Jenner and Alyx Aarbo

Sr. boys athlete of the year – Brett Lindquist

Top graduating female – Larissa Cochrane

Top graduating male – John Schmitt

Top graduating sportsman – Tyson Bristow

Yard contest deadline extended

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point residents now have an extra day to get their entries in for the Canada Day Yard Decorating Contest. Those wishing to have their yards judged on either natural beauty or their Canada Day creativity have until 4 p.m. on Friday, June 26 to call the Elk Point Review at (780) 724-4067 and get their name on the judging list. Only yards that have been entered by the deadline will be judged for this year's cash prizes.

This is the first year that the contest has

two categories. In the Natural Beauty category, yards will be judged on curb appeal and overall appearance, including well-maintained lawns, shrubs and flowers of any colours. Yards should have a single Canadian flag in honour of our nation's birthday.

The second category is for those who wish to decorate their yard creatively for Canada Day, with one or more Canadian flags and other items that reflect their pride in our country. Imagination and ingenuity is key in this category, and having a green thumb is not essential.

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Line-Up on Railway Avenue 10 a.m.

Elk Point Canada Day Parade 11 a.m.

Food Concessions Noon - 8:30 p.m. - Various Locations

Elks Beef On A Bun Supper

4 - 6:30 p.m. - Elks Hall

Children's Activities

1 - 2 p.m. - Outdoor Skating Rink

Outdoor Stage Show

1 - 3 p.m.

Alberta Centennial Stage

(NW of A.G. Ross Arena)

Strong Man Competition

3 - 5 p.m. - A.G. Ross Arena

Farm Survival Challenge

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Behind F.G. Miller High

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Canada Day Idol

8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Arts & Leisure Centre

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Founder set good example

It is with deep regret that we announce the recent passing of L. H. Drouin, who purchased the then *Lakeland Review* from its Mannville owners just over 25 years ago, and started this paper on its way to success.

Our first publisher was an old-fashioned newspaperman who did everything from write copy to sell advertising to setting type, and because of this, he set a good example for his staff to follow. We learned to do every step of the production of a paper, from taking the pictures and covering meetings to inserting flyers and hauling the papers to the post office. He taught us to take pride in our work and to put our hearts into it.

L. H. Drouin was also a staunch community supporter, working on such projects as the Mother Theresa House and St. Paul's 75th anniversary commemoration in 1984, and provided a good example for his workers in that regard as well.

Your editor is proud and grateful to have had this knowledgeable and hard-working newspaperman as a mentor, guide and source of encouragement in the early stages of the adventure-filled journey toward producing a multiple-award-winning weekly newspaper.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Feasibility, farewell, fire pits

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE *LAKELAND REVIEW* AND *ELK POINT REVIEW* FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23 IN...

1984

Town council ratified a seven-member recreation land feasibility study committee, made up of recreation board members Marvin Bjornstad, Doreen Mayner and Jim Forrest, councillors Philomena Mackenzie, Fred Kryvenchuk and Bruce Kleeberger, and member at large O. Fedorus. Kindergarten students entertained their parents with skits and songs at a pair of teas to wrap up the year.

1989

A sad farewell was bid to Elk Point Hospital's director of nursing Diana Anderson, with Bernie Kozicky delivering a lengthy tribute in her honour. Elk Point town council committed \$5,000 for a feasibility marketing study for a new community services centre.

1994

The Canada Day pancake breakfast was saved from extinction when tourist information clerk Sherry Milholland agreed to close the booth for the morning and run the breakfast instead. Despite cuts in grants, the County of St. Paul balanced their budget and was even able to drop their taxation rate by one mill.

1999

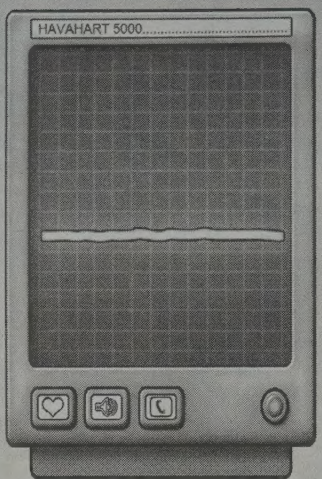
The Town of Elk Point held the line on taxation in four categories, while dropping in one and increasing in a sixth, making it more costly to own a vacant non-residential property. Vice president Victor Stepa moved up to the Elk Point Chamber's president's chair, replacing John Yettaw, as the chamber prepared to adjourn for the summer months.

2004

Elk Point town council joined their counterparts in the town and county of St. Paul to make an application for funding under the Sponsorship 2004 program, with a multi-use building and other developments at the Iron Horse Trail staging area heading their list of projects. The town urged residents with backyard fire pits to "be good neighbours" who did not leave fires unattended or let them send clouds of smoke toward neighbours' open windows.

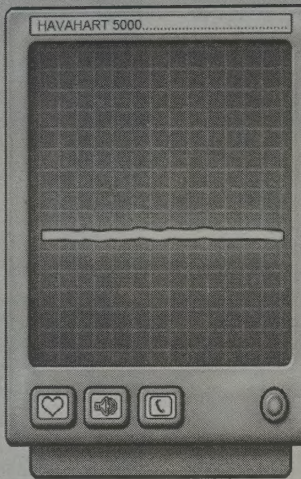
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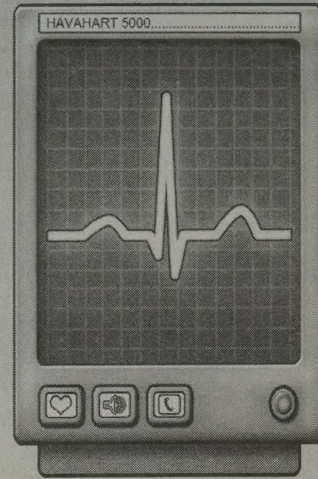


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GUEST COLUMN

Elections and excellence

For all those who have been following federal politics, did you follow the news that was to happen on Friday? Yes, the Federal Liberal Leader stated on Wednesday, June 17 in the 9 a.m. news conference that there was a possibility on Friday there would be a non-confidence vote and a summer election would be called. In the end, it didn't happen.

Now, isn't it interesting how some people seem to want to stir things up – just so we can react emotionally. The assumption behind emotional reactions is people will follow and support will take place. It is also happening in Iran. After the elections, a group of people is stating that the Government really wasn't technically voted in legitimately. So they are reacting emotionally by marching in the streets waving signs. In Canada in regard to our reactions to the Federal Liberal Leader, we basically are listening and asking questions. The bottom line is still – prove what you are saying – no matter if you live in Canada or in Iran.

You know, when it comes right down to it, we are so fortunate to live in a country that gives us the freedom to communicate, think and take part in political decisions. That is, in Canada, for example, I am sure after the political speech last Wednesday, the Federal Liberal Leader received e-mails, and other communication from Canadians commenting on what he said. Some would have been for and some would have been against. That's democracy.

Oh we are so fortunate to be Canadians! Speaking of being Canadians, and since the hockey season is over until

the fall, how did you all feel about the Stanley Cup going to a hockey team south of the Canadian border? If your feelings are emotional, you are probably disappointed no Canadian team made it to the finals. Some of you are probably saying, now wait a minute. Most of the players on the winning team came from Canada – so it is O.K.

What would Lord Frederick Arthur Stanley, the man behind the cup say about that?

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson stated in Toronto in April 2006 the following: "The governor general stands for excellence in Canadian culture – and always has. Each new thing that is done in the governor general's name has to do with excellence, and it started way, way back. In many ways the Stanley Cup, Lord Stanley's trophy for outstanding hockey, was one of the first. It went on from there. There are literary awards in the governor general's name, visual arts awards, performing arts awards and every one represents a connection with excellence, with the best – with the best that we can do as a nation."

Referring to the Stanley Cup, the 19th Earl of Derby stated the following: "In England, the name Lord Stanley means little to most people, but cross the Atlantic and things are very different. My great-great-grandfather's name is inextricably linked to Canada both as governor general and as the donor of the Stanley Cup. The Stanley Cup is, undoubtedly, his lasting legacy today. It is interesting to note that he took it so personally that it was paid for by him and uses our family coat of arms and not that of the governor general. He loved Canada and the Canadian people and returned to England upon inheriting the earldom to run the family estates, but I think he will have often looked back to reflect on his Canadian times."

So whether your thoughts are about our federal politics, Iran politics or the Stanley Cup, the bottom line is we are Canadians and we support excellence.



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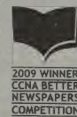
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P.A.R.T.Y. planners declare pilot programs a success

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's first year as hosts of the Prevention of Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program has been declared a success by the planning committee who spearheaded the two sessions attended by F. G. Miller Grade 10 students in April and May.

With both sessions completed, the organizers met to study the results of the post-P.A.R.T.Y. evaluations completed by the students and to give their own reactions to the program.

A large majority of students said the amount of information they received was "just right" and over half agreed that participating in the program "could and probably will make a difference," with most of the remaining students stating it was "very likely to make a difference" in the choices they make in the future. Presentations by RCMP and Victim Services and the trauma room presentation were seen as benefiting students "very much" while the pre- and post-P.A.R.T.Y. discussions and the Fire Department and Ambulance sessions were seen as having somewhat less impact. The other sessions had mixed reviews, but most students rated them as either "very much" or "somewhat" beneficial.

Students were also asked for any changes they would suggest in the program, the three most valuable things they learned from the program and if they planned to complete the contract for life with a parent or other responsible adult.

Members of the committee were also asked for their comments.

"The kids really didn't like the rehabilitation part," one committee member said. "I think it's good that they found out what it's like to have a disability. I think we should continue that."

Another commented that she had "learned things you don't expect to learn, like why they carry cat litter in the fire truck. It was also interesting that they opened all the compartments on the truck so we could see what was in there."

F. G. Miller's vice-principal Cheri Lindquist said she felt the program was "really well done. The resource people were awesome, and we really appreciate their efforts."

Similar sessions in St. Paul involve students traveling to

the funeral home and other locations, one of the resource people noted. "This didn't feel as rushed, having it all in one place." She also noted that having the students carry in the coffin "really hit home."

Pam Ballas said the healthcare centre staff "enjoyed the presentations they did, and it didn't interrupt our routines. I found the kids were very respectful in the trauma room."

"It was wonderful," Paulette Levasseur added. "You did an awesome job, and the Yewchin's presentation was very, very good."

Several members had ideas for improvement, but all agreed that for first times, it was done very well and should continue. Plans are already underway for the next set of sessions, which will be coming up in September and October.



Jean Champagne photo

Myrna Fox presents a \$5,500 donation cheque to St. Paul Education Regional Division Board Chairman Darrell Youngmans. The donation is on behalf of the Barrie McFadyen family to establish a trades scholarship fund at F. G. Miller High School. Interest from the fund will be used to award an annual scholarship for a student pursuing post-secondary trades training in welding or mechanics. This is the second donation by the McFadyen family and the board and F. G. Miller High School are very thankful for their generous support. The school division is a registered charity and a scholarship donation is an excellent means of helping the community and honouring a loved one.

High rank for F. G. Miller in Fraser Institute study

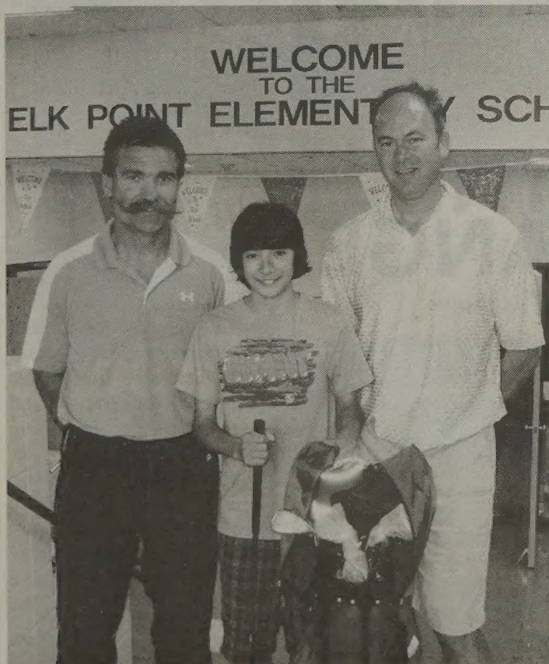
By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

F. G. Miller Junior-Senior High School received the highest ranking of six schools in the St. Paul - Bonnyville areas in a recent study by the Fraser Institute based on the academic performance of Grade 12 students in the 2007-08 school year.

Overall, the school ranked 103 out of 283 high schools across the province that were tracked in the study, up from 115 out of 241 schools over the past five years. Grand Centre came second of the eight at 121, Bonnyville ranked 199, Mallaig and St. Paul Regional High both 202 and Glendon 240 out of 283.

FGM's average exam marks of 67 per cent represented a climb of 4.2 per cent from the previous year, while the percentage of exams failed dropped a substantial 11.1 per cent, from 23.6 to 12.5 per cent. The difference between school and exam marks edged down by 1.1 per cent to 4.6. The diploma completion rate climbed 4.7 per cent to 87.5, while the delayed advancement rate dropped 8.3 per cent to 20.2, the lowest for the school in the five-year study.

FGM also had the highest overall rating out of 10, at 6.6, tying with their highest rating over five years in 2005. That year also saw the highest diploma completion rate of 90.9 per cent.



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Bernadette Godlien becomes new District Deputy at provincial convention

BY LAWRENCE PIDLUZNY

Elk Point BPO Elks Lodge

Another interesting, informative and entertaining Alberta Elks Association and Royal Purple Lodges Association conference has come and gone. Elks District 7 and Royal Purple District 4 hosted the event in Wainwright June 10th to the 14th, 2009. Most of the activity began with the golf tournament, which ran Wednesday and

Thursday for Elks and Royal Purple regular members while both executives met throughout the day Thursday for pre-conference meetings. At about 6:30 PM that evening, Global Television and CHED Radio personality Bob Layton's motivational address opened the evening proceedings.

On Friday, after the Elks Official Opening and presentation of colors, regular sessions began. Included were association

executive reports, financial reports, election of association officers, presentation of awards, past presidents' meetings and other Elks business sessions. Friday's activities ended with a Hawaiian Night and Pig Roast with a dunk tank to cool off a few good sporting Elks and Royal Purple.

Saturday saw the completion of business sessions and budget discussions. At 10:15 AM, the Installation of District Deputies Ceremony took place where our own Elk Point Elks #460 member, Bernadette

Godlien was installed as District Deputy of District #6. After lunch, teams from Sherwood Park, Didsbury and Breton took part in the Patrol Team Competition, which was then followed by the Installation of Provincial Executive Officers where Wainwright's own Will Challenger took the office of Provincial President. The day's activities ended up with the Presidents' Dinner and Dance with our own Elks and Royal Purple enjoying the festivities and last dance of the evening.



Photo Submitted

Only in Hawaii??? Elk Point Elks and Royal Purple in Hawaiian garb during the Hawaiian Night and Pig Roast evening included Brenda Diesel, Melinda Henderson, Lawrence Pidluzny, Lil Buksa, Lois Sharek, Irene Pilisko, Michael Chubey, Don Pilisko, Allan Berg, Bernadette Godlien, Walter Jendruck.



Lawrence Pidluzny photo

Installation of our new District Deputy, Bernadette Godlien receiving the District Deputy collar from Provincial President Ken Komarnisky.

Recent rain could be too little, too late

BY SHAUNA BURKE

Review Contributor

Although the agricultural community enthusiastically welcomes every drop of moisture, the recent rainfall in the area may be a case of too little too late according to local farmer, provincial drought management repre-

sentative for this region, and County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard.

"The rain this weekend is very encouraging, especially for the cattle producers as it may bring back some grass in the pastures, but the first cut of hay is lost," explained Bouchard,

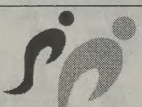
Monday morning, as the rain continued to fall outside. "If it keeps raining, they may get a second cut, especially if they are growing legumes or alfalfa."

He added that for grain producers, this rain should germinate the seeds, but because of the late start, it will be a race against the clock if the crops develop before the fall frost.

"Canola is extremely late getting started now, (the plants) should be above ground before the 15th of May, so crops emerging now are at least one month late. If we don't have a really, really, really good fall, then the crops will freeze before they can be harvested," said Bouchard.

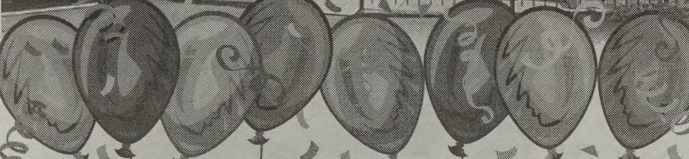
Camrose County was the first to declare an agricultural disaster due to drought last week, and Alberta Beef Producers report similar announcements from other municipal districts and counties, including Wainwright, Provost, Minburn, Vermilion River, Smoky Lake, Bonnyville and Paintearth. The County of St. Paul will be discussing the matter at a meeting scheduled for June 23.

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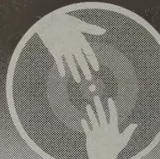




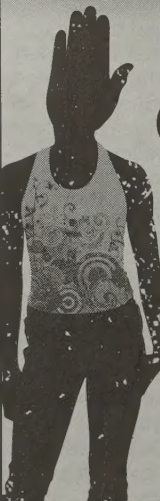
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4-H members receive year-end awards



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Elk Point 4-H Multi Club senior member Alanna Ockerman was presented with the club's year-end award of a side backpack and a 4-H watch by club leader Cathy Ockerman in recognition of her year's efforts with the club. Intermediate member Britney Heathcote qualified for a similar award, but was not present to accept.



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Junior 4-H member Leanna Gibson accepted the Terry Holmgren Award from Cathy Ockerman at the year-end picnic. This award goes to the member that best exemplifies what 4-H is all about.

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Alberta still playing catch-up to Europe, larger cities in the United States

Going solar no longer a nightmare

BY CORY HARE
Great West Staff Writer

It's now easier than ever to generate your own electricity in Alberta while remaining tied to the electricity grid.



That's because new regulations came into effect Jan. 1 that simplify the process of connecting a home-sized renewable energy system to the existing grid.

The regulations apply to any low-emission form of power generation: solar, wind, hydro, cogeneration and fuel cell.

Formerly a 60-step nightmare, the process is now down to five or six steps, said Gordon Howell, an electrical engineer and solar advocate who installed Alberta's first system in 1995.

Howell's company, Howell-Mayhew Engineering, helps people with the paperwork but he says it's now simple enough for people to do themselves.

"You hire a qualified electrician to supply you with equipment and install it," he said. "Yes it will cost more but it'll cost way less than your SUV."

The first step is to call the company that distributes electricity in your area, such as Atco Electric or FortisAlberta, for example. This is not the same as the retailer; look on the bottom part of your bill, Howell said.

Your distribution company should send four pieces of information to get you started. Once approved, you're ready to buy and install a system.

Dollars and cents

The cost of solar is still a major hurdle standing in the way of mass acceptance. Systems for home use can range anywhere from \$10,000 to \$100,000 but \$50,000 would be typical for a system to supply all the power for an average city home.

Compared to the up-front cost, the savings are low. A typical home system would generate about \$324 worth of electricity a year in Edmonton and \$411 in Calgary.



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SOLAR POWER – Hooking a solar power system to the electricity grid is easier than ever thanks to provincial rule changes that came into effect Jan. 1. Homeowners can even feed excess electricity back into the grid and be compensated for it.

Howell's own system, which he bought in 1995, cost \$28,000 to install and delivered annual savings of \$130. A similar system installed now would cost about \$19,000 and save \$275 a year, putting the payback period at 69 years.

Howell prefers to use cost per kilowatt-hour (kWh) to compare generation methods. Solar currently costs about 29 cents per kWh whereas Edmonton's regulated rate was 12 cents in 2008.

About three quarters of Alberta's grid electricity comes from burning coal, says the 2008 annual report Alberta Electric System Operator. Howell argues that the low price represents a subsidy because it doesn't factor in environmental and health costs associated with the emissions. If these costs were added, fossil electricity would cost three times as much, making solar competitive, he said.

Alberta's system for compensating microgenerators is called net-billing, which sees

grid-tied microgenerators paid the market rate for excess electricity they feed back into the grid.

What Howell wants to see is a "feed-in tariff," which adds a premium to the price that microgenerators are paid. In Ontario, for example, microgenerators receive four times the market price for their excess electricity. That province is considering doubling that amount.

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Utilities adding wind generation

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Alberta has a long way to go to catch up to Ontario and other leaders like Germany and California, Howell said.

"Alberta has what, 110 systems now, and Los Angeles alone has tens of thousands," Howell said. "Do we want to catch up to where the rest of the world is going with solar power or do we not?"

Solar skeptics

The province actually has 65 microgeneration systems that are tied to the grid, said Kristin Stolarz, a spokesperson for Alberta Energy.

Alberta consumers can access power at a regulated rate but utilities can use whatever generation methods they feel are competitive while selling into the deregulated transmission system. The Alberta government appears unwilling to tamper with this free market system.

"The pricing is based on supply and demand. To offer an incentive based on any one type of electricity producer... it's putting the focus on source versus just supply and that's not something that fits into the Government of Alberta's policy," Stolarz said.

Accounting for emissions and acid rain wouldn't even add 20 per cent to the cost of coal-generated electricity, argues University of Alberta energy economist Andrew Leach.

"Even if we did that full-cost accounting, it doesn't move solar power into the range," he said.

The economics are clear that solar is the most expensive power source there is, he said, so anyone looking skyward to save on their utility bills should reconsider.

"If anybody in Edmonton wants to give me \$50,000 up front, I'll pay their electricity bills forever, for an average house," he said. "There's no way you would ever pay that money back in electricity bill savings."

Grid parity

Numerous companies around the world are working to bring down the cost of photovoltaics (PV). A number of these are focused on concentrating the incoming sunlight so that panels require fewer costly semiconductors.

Costs of PV have historically been drop-

"Do we want to catch up to where the rest of the world is going with solar power or not?"

GORDON HOWELL
Advocate

ping by 10 per cent a year and industry types expect another 30 per cent drop by next year, Howell said.

What will really spur the mass adoption of solar power is "grid parity," the point at which the cost of solar is on par with other forms like coal or natural gas. This could be two years away in leader countries like Spain but closer to 15 years in Alberta, said Rob Harlan, executive director of the Northern Alberta chapter of the Solar Energy Society of Canada.

Wind generation is much more prevalent in Alberta because the costs have come down to the point where wind competes with coal. The result is that utilities are adding wind generation to the grid.

"Solar is about 10 years behind that curve," Harlan said. "Solar is going to hit. It will be cost competitive and utilities will be seriously engaging in solar energy for generating electricity."

If utilities will eventually be investing in solar technology, why would the individual homeowner make the high up-front investment? Harlan answers with another question.

"Are we following or are we leading?" he said. "If we wait for grid parity, we may wait 15 years."

It's up to governments to make solar more accessible, he said. An example of a successful program is operating in Berkeley, Calif. The city provides homeowners with a solar power system and adds the cost to their property taxes, to be repaid over 20 years.

The province could look at something like this or feed-in tariffs, he said.

"Alberta has tremendous opportunity to lead but historically we've been dragged."

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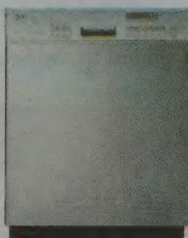
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Illuminating eco-lightbulbs

BY JOEL MCKAY
Great West Staff Writer

Amid the green revolution, it might be difficult for some consumers to tell the difference between eco-friendly and eco-fake, but experts suggest the jury is in for one household item—the light bulb.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), use up to 75 per cent less electricity and last up to 10 times longer than the average household incandescent light bulb, according to Energy Star, a subsidiary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But, like every other green item, CFLs haven't been without their fair share of controversy over the years.

One issue is the mercury used to power them, an ingredient potentially harmful to users and the environment, but one expert says it's all industry propaganda.

"The mercury side of it is a bit of trying to pull the wool over people's eyes so they will buy something else," explained Richard Krause, an energy consultant with Carbon Busters, a green-focused consulting firm based in Edmonton.

According to Krause, CFLs, like all fluorescent light bulbs, contain a minute amount of mercury that's only harmful if the bulb is broken or improperly disposed of.

In fact, Krause argues there is far more mercury released into the environment from coal-generated electricity, which accounts for more than half of Alberta's power, than CFL light bulbs.

Quantity

"You're emitting mercury into the atmosphere freely every time you use a kilowatt of power here in Alberta," Krause said.

According to Energy Star, the average CFL contains four milligrams of mercury while many older thermometers can contain as much as 500 milligrams.

Even though fears over mercury poisoning may subside, Krause maintains that all CFL

light bulbs need to be properly recycled.

Several companies in the Capitol region offer a special CFL and fluorescent recycling service.

Home Depot is one, offering consumers a free drop-off recycling bin for fluorescent bulbs at all locations.

According to Michael Kalmanovitch, owner of Earth's General Store in Edmonton, fluorescent recycling programs are popping up all over the place and making it easier for residents to make the CFL switch.

"Home Depot is doing a good job of letting people drop off their fluorescent tubes, and I think you'll see a lot more of that happening," said Kalmanovitch. "People have to realize this [mercury] is something that needs to be captured, not just crushed."

But sceptics argue CFLs still have some other unresolved issues including light quality and the time it takes for them to fully power up.

Rural issues

Kalmanovitch said those were issues with early CFL light bulbs, but for the most part they've been taken care of.

In fact, consumers can pick up CFLs that offer soft yellow, white or blue lighting at most major retailers.

CFLs are also available in dimmable versions for more romantic lighting and, because they don't have filaments like regular incandescent bulbs, CFLs are surge proof.

But Krause identified one still-standing issue — rural areas where residents might find themselves at the far end of a transmission line.

In that case, electricity can fluctuate and cause CFLs to prematurely burn out, said Krause.

"For those people it would be better to stick with incandescent," Krause said. "Until that is corrected they're going to have problems with compact fluorescents."

Advancements in light bulb technology are still being made and Kalmanovitch believes that LED light bulbs, or light emitting diodes, will eventually replace CFLs, but they're a long way from being affordable for the average consumer.

All comparisons and numbers aside, Kalmanovitch thinks there's one other reason to switch from incandescent to CFL — age.

"A normal incandescent bulb, the Edison

bulb, the one the majority of people use throughout their house? That was a technology that was developed in 1890 or 1880," Kalmanovitch said. "Basically, it hasn't changed since then ... it's not very efficient."

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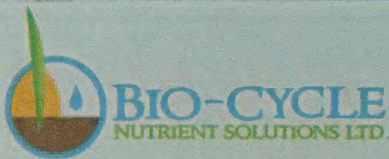


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Even in death, many help the planet

BY LAUREN DEN HARTOG
Great West Staff Writer

The funeral business has traditionally presented families of the deceased with a host of options for laying their loved ones to rest. Burial or cremation? Wood casket or steel? Open or closed viewing?



Green Guide

Last year, the Royal Oak Burial Park in Saanich, B.C. became the first cemetery in Canada to offer natural or "green burials." The calls have been rolling in ever since.

Lorraine Fracy, client services supervisor at Royal Oak, said providing natural burials at Royal Oak was in their long term plans, but after their executive director mentioned it publicly, the facility was fielding 10 to 15 calls each day from people wanting to know more.

She said people may opt for a natural burial, which has been popular in Europe for many years, for a variety of reasons.

"Wanting the natural, back-to-the-earth concept, using up less land and not having

concrete liners and no embalming. It's really taken off incredibly," she said.

To date, Royal Oak has performed 10 natural burials and an additional 10 families have purchased for future options to be interred there.

According to the Natural Burial Co-operative, a natural burial is an environmentally sustainable alternative where a body is returned to the earth to decompose naturally. Unlike traditional burials, bodies are not pumped full of chemical preservatives and are laid to rest in biodegradable caskets instead of traditional metal or steel ones.

"It can be as minimalist as a cotton shroud," noted Fracy, adding that wicker, recycled paper and natural, unfinished pine caskets are also popular.

Traditional burials require a cement liner to protect the integrity of the land and prevent the grave from collapsing. With a natural burial, whatever soil is removed from the earth is returned.

"We use a shoring device which protects the grave as it's being dug and while the family are present for the interment and then it's removed so there is nothing in the ground except for a body in a natural casket," explained Fracy.

With natural markers such as local wild-

flowers, indigenous shrubs and trees being used instead of traditional headstones, a natural burial is less intrusive on the landscape. There's no irrigation or pesticides or herbicides used. The cost is significantly less than a traditional burial.

"The major difference with the green burial is there is no liner required so that saves them \$710 from our traditional area, which is a requirement," said Fracy.

Presently, Royal Oak has designated one-third of an acre for natural burial practices and has plans to expand their natural burial area in the future. The 134-acre park is also home to over 60 varieties of trees and shrubs and a resident deer population.

Instead of traditional markers, which can cost upwards of thousands of dollars, natural burials may incorporate a centralized memorial consisting of one or more boulders bearing the names of the deceased.

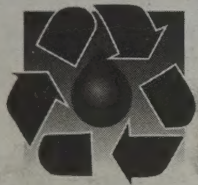
Careful records keep track of the exact location of each burial, often with the aid of geographic information systems (GIS) or global positioning systems (GPS).

Fracy said recently one family recently returned to the site to plant shrubs and trees in honour of their loved one.

"It was just great to see that. They were the first ones to do so and it was just great."



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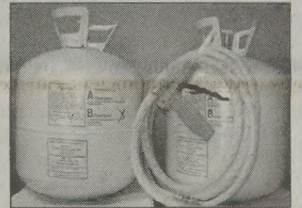
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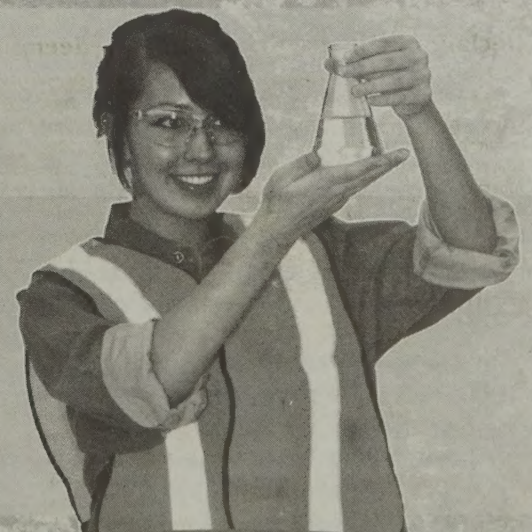
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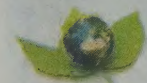


From garden lighting to power for your RV, smaller solar panels can help provide juice

Solar products catching on

BY ANNA BOROWIECKI
Great West Staff Writer

For more than three decades there has been talk of a solar revolution, the seductive idea of harnessing the sun's energy and converting it into electricity.



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The potential is huge and the pressure is on. Burning fossil fuels pollutes our atmosphere and accelerates climate change. Gas stations' posted fuel prices keep growing with no end in sight.

Solar power is clean, abundant, free and inexhaustible. It has the possibility to power cities of tens of millions and transform the world's poorest slums. For visionaries, it is the Holy Grail.

While European governments have long made strides in yoking the elements such as solar and wind energy, North America has been slow to provide financial incentives for these new technologies.

Current solar technology costs more to build and install than most people are willing to pay. According to several Internet sources, collecting one kilowatt per hour of solar energy (about one-third of the electricity used on a given day by an average household) costs approximately \$11,000.

"The whole concept is fabulous. It's getting better and better, but it's not ready for mainstream. It's not priced for payback," says Barry Campbell, owner of St. Albert's independently operated Rona. As an example, he cites a high-energy condo project that looked at using solar panels. Unfortunately the payback was 25 years, too long a period to match the price point.

Campbell, who carries primarily landscape lights, a bug whacker and a double-duty clock/flashlight, believes more research is needed. "Obama has thrown a lot of money at the industry and hopefully with research done, it can have a revolutionary aspect and get to the point it's affordable," adds Campbell.

Down the street at Canadian Tire, there is a more expansive selection of solar alternatives. Green seeking consumers may be reluctant to invest in pricey rooftop panels, however they are flocking to reduce their energy costs with budget solar accessories. Pointing to garden lights, store manager Gord Fletcher says, "They are the trendiest and fastest selling."

Canadian Tire also carries a solar screen house for camping that powers at night with LED lights. Another valuable camping tool is a crank flashlight with a digital tire gauge that charges using hand power. One minute of cranking is equal to 20 minutes of light.

The box store also sells four low-end, photovoltaic solar panels producing varying degrees of energy for use in off-



SUN SAVVY – RV users are getting in on solar power with panels that can be hooked into their vehicles' existing circuitry to power the TV, fridge or any other electronic device inside.

grid applications such as RVs, boats, gate openers and electric fences. Unfortunately, while Canadian Tire offers the widest selection of solar equipment, the only technical support for installing them is the instructions in the box.

Interestingly enough, some of the area's most devoted solar pioneers are RV campers. Woody's RV World on St. Albert Trail has already sold 30 high-end photovoltaic panels since January. Part of their success stems from a small staff offering personalized service that educates mainstream consumers and provides technical assistance.

RV campers are in a league of their own, interested in investing and experimenting with the technology before the average person opens their wallet. Most are limited solar geeks with little practical knowledge of a solar panel's circuitry. They simply want to increase their RV's battery power when dry camping.

But problems can arise if a consumer wires a solar panel without understanding how it functions when hooked to an RV's already existing circuitry. In most cases a poor installation minimizes the technology's efficiency or it can fry the system.

But consumers eager to invest in the technology are also curious about its functions. Woody's recognizes this black hole. Employees such as Giuliano Blasco make it a point to educate walk-ins about the technology and discuss their energy needs.

"The average person watches a couple of hours of TV, runs the lights, the water pump and the fridge. If you use a microwave which uses a great deal of power, you need to add an inverter system and that affects whether you need two panels."

Inverters convert the energy from solar panels (which collect DC power) and transform it into AC power (which we draw from our outlets) he explains.

He believes once the consumer understands how the technology works and problems are solved, solar becomes more attractive. "Most people who have it, swear by it," Blasco says.

Even though current solar technology costs more than most people are willing to pay, the implications are staggering. But this renewable energy revolution will require a re-think of the entire system.

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Flushing out the toilet battle

BY ROB MCKINLEY
Great West Staff Writer

The amount of information available about eco-friendly toilets and accessories is mind-boggling. You could say the Internet is 'flush' with business about the biffy.

What's not as easy to find, however, are actual people to interview about the growing battle between low-flush toilets and more comfortably fluffy toilet tissue.

Sure there are press releases about the latest advancements, like AquaForce, Flowise or Dual Flush Champion 4, but when information is needed about the balance between a world-wide reduction on water usage and the increasing 'fluffiness' of toilet paper, they clear the room faster than a Champion 4's Flush Tower and a four-inch valve can push 1.6 gallons of water from tank to bowl and down the pipes.

Spokespeople or not, writing a toilet story isn't a total waste. With the aid of the Internet, the tale of the toilet takes can still be flushed out.

The best resource on toilets located was in India. The Sulabh International Museum of Toilets was founded in 1970 by Dr.

Bindeswar Pathak, Ph.D., D. Litt.

"Ever wonder what a museum dedicated entirely to the history of toilets would be like?" asks the top museum's webpage at www.sulabhtoiletmuseum.org.

If your answer to the question is no, then perhaps you need to hear Dr. Pathak's explanation. We would have liked to hear his explanation too.

The website is chock-full of information about the history of the toilet. Some of it isn't pretty. For example in Pathak's own country, 900 million litres of urine and 135 million kilograms of fecal matter are dispersed every day. With sewage facilities only available to one-third of the country's 900 million people, that means 600 million people use what the website refers to as "open defecation."

While the urgency of toilet technology and availability is ranked high in India, much of the Western world takes the piece of porcelain for granted.

The use of toilet paper has also left a historical trail of evolution. From grass and leaves to wool, hemp and newspaper. It wasn't until 1857 that American inventor Joseph Cayetty invented toilet paper. More



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than 100 years later, the market for toilet paper is as diverse as the food on a menu.

Two-ply, three-ply, and even the multi-tasking Cottonelle that's unscented, rippled and contains aloe and vitamin E.

There's woven, plush, medicated, recycled and even coloured toilet tissue to chose from.

But before you get lulled into a sense of blissful comfort, remember the battle, and it's not just a fight between flush and comfort.

A recent Edmonton Sun story sees Greenpeace getting into the action, calling the growing demand for pampered paper a trend that is destroying our planet's forests.

"Many, many millions of trees are losing their lives, because we're turning these ancient (boreal) forests into tissue," Greenpeace's Canadian forest campaign coordinator Richard Brooks is quoted as saying in the article.

According to toilet manufacturers American Standard — another place where we couldn't flush out a spokesperson — Canadians are among the biggest users of

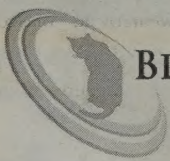
water in the world. The average Canadian uses 326 litres of water per day — twice as much as households in England and France. Only the United States uses more. One-third of that consumption is from toilet use. With some older toilets flushing down 13 litres of water per use, it's easy to see the volumes escalate. Many newer toilets are now standardized to send just six litres into the bowl.

With a growing trend towards more water-friendly toilets, the battle will rage on in the pipes and septic tanks of our country. It appears, however, that toilet manufacturers and toilet museum curators alike, although not willing to come out of the water closet to comment, are using new designs and technology to help win the battle. Behind closed doors, in what can only be thought of as 'lavatory laboratories,' new design and flushing principles are being created and tested at a surprising level.

Despite using just 4.8 litres per flush (lpf), the Champion 4 by American Standard can move water three times faster, resulting in the movement of (again according to their website) "70 per cent larger mass" thanks to a four-inch flush valve opening as opposed to the standard two-inch portal.

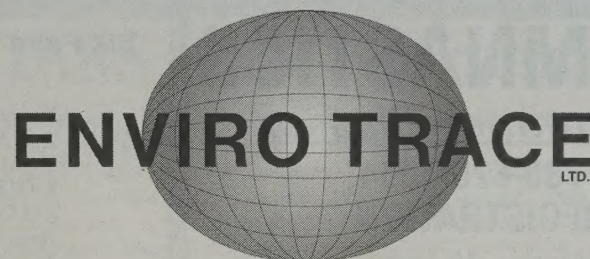
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One win out of three not that good for Sox

On any given weekend, any team in the Baseball Alberta Midget League can beat any other team, and the Sox are capable of beating any team in the league on a good day. On a bad day they would have a tough time beating any team in any league. Mind you, they may have had a rough schedule this past weekend, four games in two days, that's really tough on the bullpen, but it's no excuse for not hitting the ball, at all.

The Sox had considerable trouble on the bases as well, when they did get on board, they couldn't cash in. The pitching was actually fairly decent in most of the games, the fielding was, all in all, quite good, not many runs allowed and not a whole bunch of errors, we did kick the ball around once or twice, but nothing serious. Trying to push runs across the plate on the weekend was the biggest challenge, plain and simple, hitting and base running was the killer.

With two hits in their first game against South Jasper Place, one by Dustin Berg and the other by Tanner Corbeil the Sox would lose this one by 10 runs in five innings. OK, so we regroup and carry on to game two.

In the second game on Saturday against Stony Plain, the

fans got their money's worth. The Sox did win this one 4 to 3 but it took nine innings to do so, Mike "Dontrelle" Desjarlais on the hill with nine strikeouts, "Dontrelle" going six full innings and allowing only two runs, Dylan Berg and Evan "Ernie" Joly coming in to relieve. Matthew Church drove in the winning run in the bottom of the ninth. We actually had some hits in this one, "JC" Croteau and "Dontrelle" with two singles each, "Knuckles" Nicholson with a single and a double, "Ernie" Joly with a triple, but some trouble stealing usually ending the innings before they would score.

Trains, planes and automobiles on Father's Day, the boys playing down by the railway tracks at Spartan Field across from the Transit Hotel, trains shuffling cars all day, cars and trucks were buzzing by and planes overhead, hey, maybe that was the distraction, who knows, but, you think they had some problems the day before scoring. Enough said.

"Ernie" Joly starting the first game against Grand Prairie, Dustin Berg closing, both pitchers doing their jobs, the fielding was good, same story as the day before, the bats were dead.

Dylan Berg going for the complete seven innings against the Edmonton North Stars in the last game of the weekend. Same old, same old. Looks like the boys will be working on hitting and base running this week at practice, while they get re-tired for the month of July.



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And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week: "Baseball is pitching, fundamentals, and three-run homers." Last week's answer to: "Just give me a happy ball club and we'll be hard to beat." - Billy Southworth. Do you have any scoops? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

NHL Hockey Draft winners



'Three's A Charm' was the name of the winning team in the second annual Elk Point Golf and Country Club's NHL Hockey Draft. Don Mudryk picks up the winnings from Ken Ference. Remi Joly and Kevin Benko were the other two thirds of 'Three's A Charm.'



'Wild Hogs' Robyn Moroziuk, Jed Charlton and (not shown) Werner Schmidt accepted second place winnings in the NHL Hockey Draft from Ken Ference. Third place went to ARC Mulching, Jeff Belland, Adam Charbonneau and Kristian Ference.

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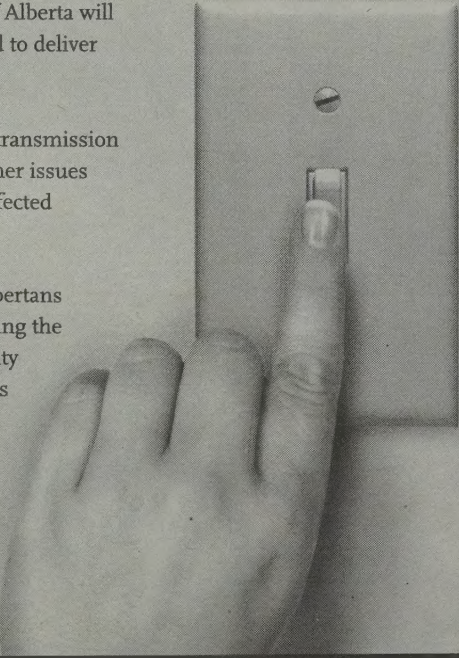
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By JENNIFER VAN DER HOEK

Review Contributor

The Elk Point and District Agricultural Society's annual Horticulture and Craft Show and Quilt Exhibition is fast approaching, and you know what that means: soon it will be time to view all of those amazing quilts and vote for your favourite large and small items. Viewing of the Quilt Show is on Sunday, Aug. 9 from 1 to 4

p.m. and everyone is encouraged to vote for the "People's Choice" Award. The Quilt Show is not judged, so the award is just for fun (and a small prize).

This year's quilt show will feature a special display of vintage kitchen linens, either handmade or purchased, including tea towels, pot holders, tablecloths, napkins, oven mitts, table runners and tea cozies, just to name a few. Do you have some embroidered tea

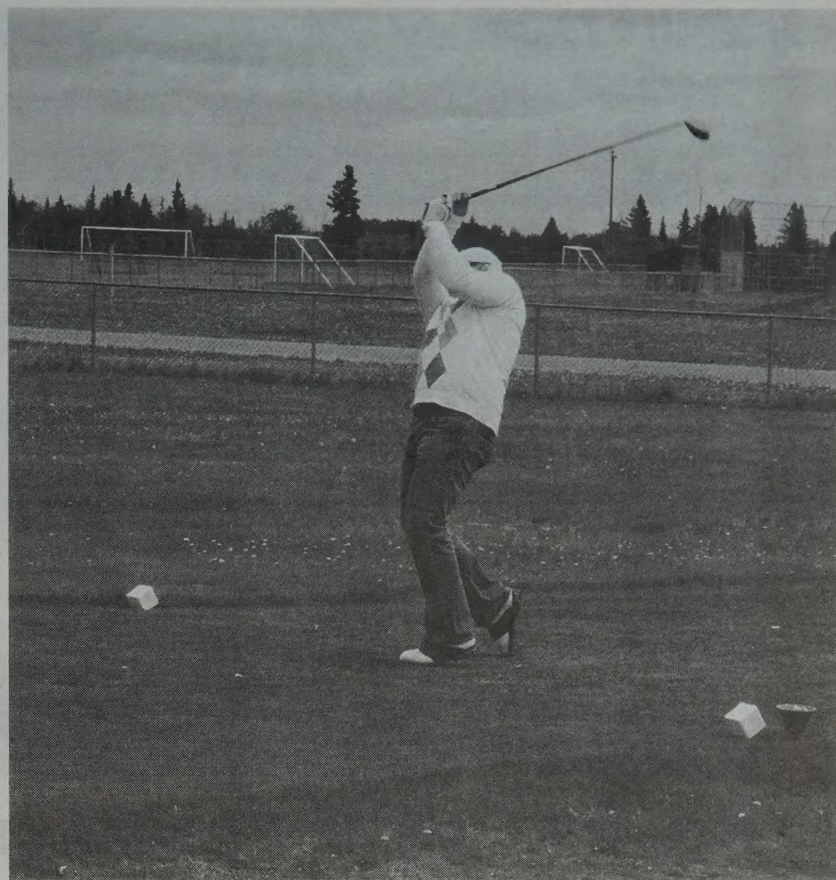
towels or crocheted tablecloths or flour sack dish cloths or items that you would like to lend to the display? Are you interested in displaying a quilt in the quilt show? If so, please contact Verona Lea Flanders at 780-724-2269.

And by the way... the fair books and entry tags are now available at the Elk Point Review and RONA, so you can check out what categories you plan to enter.



Vicki Brooker photo

Elks Long Service awards were presented by Exalted Ruler Don Pilisko (right) to (left to right) Randy Ballas, with 20 years, Don Brooker with 30 years, Mike Chubey with 20 years and Marshel Pelech, with 40 years service with the Elk Point Elks Lodge. The presentations were made at last Friday's Elks and OORP Barbecue at the Elks Wilderness Park at Kehewin Lake.



STARS Golf Tournament

By MIKE POMERLEAU

Review Contributor

On June 5, EMS attendants, firefighters, and STARS members took part in a golf tournament at the Elk Point Golf Course. The tournament was a chance for these people to get in a game of golf and have some fun. But, it was mainly a charity tournament, with all the proceeds going to STARS Air Ambulance Services.

"Everyone had a good time, it was lots of fun," said Doug Fisher, one of the tourna-

ment organizers. "I'd like to thank everyone for their support."

The total amount of funds raised from the tournament still wasn't available said Fisher, but he figures it'll be about the same as last year's tournament.

"We haven't figured it out, but we know we gave out \$11,000 from last year because we always go a year back, so we figure this year that it's about the same."

Ninety people participated in this year's tournament.

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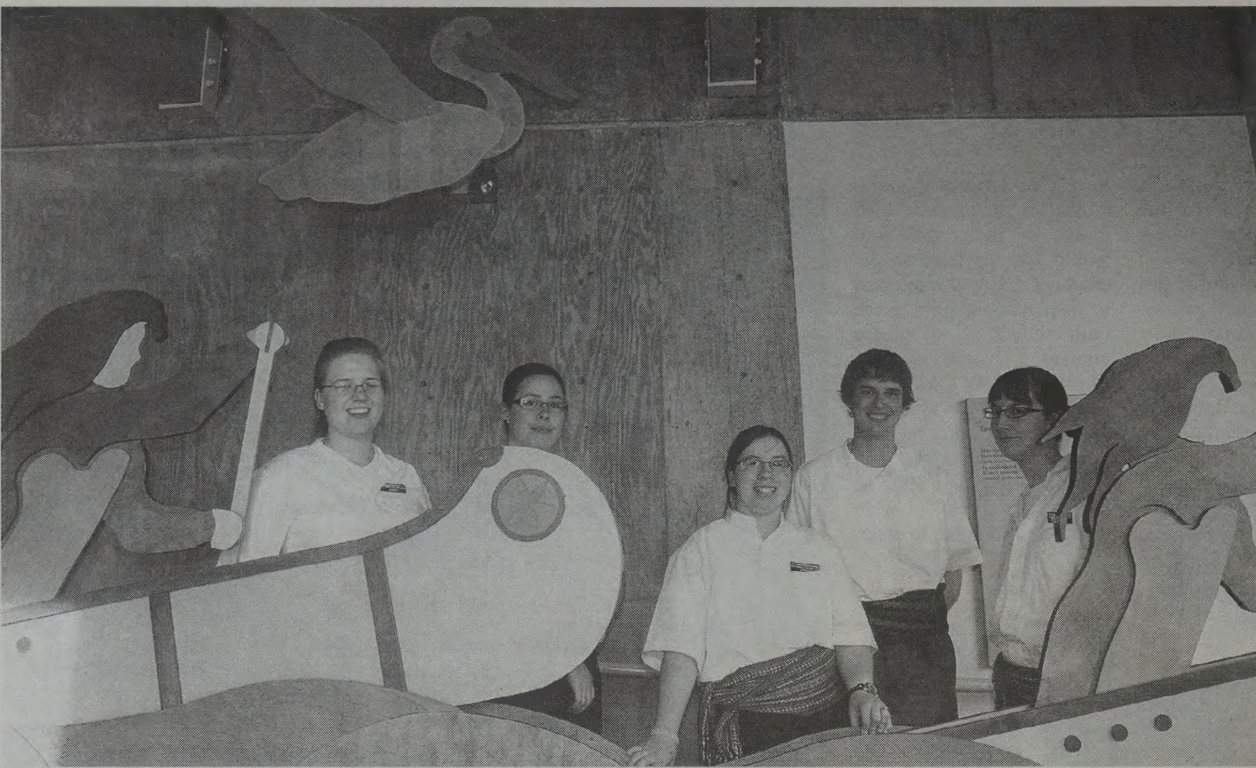
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Visitors to Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site this summer will receive a friendly welcome from interpreters (left to right) Alison Nawrot, Nathalie Valcourt, Jessica Ziegler, Cameron Dykstra and Caylie Gnyra. Fort George and Buckingham House, located 13 km southeast of Elk Point, is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Labour Day, and the staff offers tours of the multi-media display in the interpretive centre as well as to the original sites of the twin fur trade forts, built in 1792 by the North West Company and the Hudson's Bay Company.

Vicki Brooker photo

Recent rain could be too little, too late

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"It has been a very challenging spring," said Bouchard, explaining that the unseasonably cold temperatures froze many crops in low-lying areas.

Farmers are now faced with a very difficult choice to continue investing money in fertilizers at a cost of \$80 to \$85 dollars per acre and other input cost, or to spray it out and collect insurance.

The situation is just as bad, if not worse, for cattle farmers.

Frank Sloan, a local cattle rancher and councillor for the County of St. Paul, said last week he had visited his pastures and the grass was so dry that it crunched under his feet.

"It is going to take so much moisture to bring the hay

crops back now," said Sloan. "We need inches of rain for many days in a row, not just patches like we are having now."

Because the first cut of hay, which normally happens around the beginning of July, is now lost, there is going to be very little feed for cattle through the winter. As farmers try to sell of their herds, prices will drop.

This is particularly painful for cattle farmers because for many years the price of beef has been low, but earlier this year optimism was beginning to return to the community due to an increase in prices. The drought seems to be destroying all hope.

"It looked like the prices for cattle were finally going to get better and things were finally looking up," said Sloan in utter frustration. "Now, if there is no winter feed, the price is

going to fall again."

Sloan feels that this year's drought may be even worse than one experienced in 2002, because it is very widespread, reducing the chances of purchasing hay from other areas.

Bouchard said he has already spoken with MLA Ray Danyluk to express his concerns.

"He is a producer, so he is very aware of the situation and he is very sympathetic to our cause, but what we need is rain and he can't provide that."

Bouchard added he will be meeting with several federal and provincial government organizations on June 25 at the Alberta Drought Management Committee meeting to discuss any adjustments that need to be made to the current programs in hopes of getting relief to farmers and producers as soon as possible.

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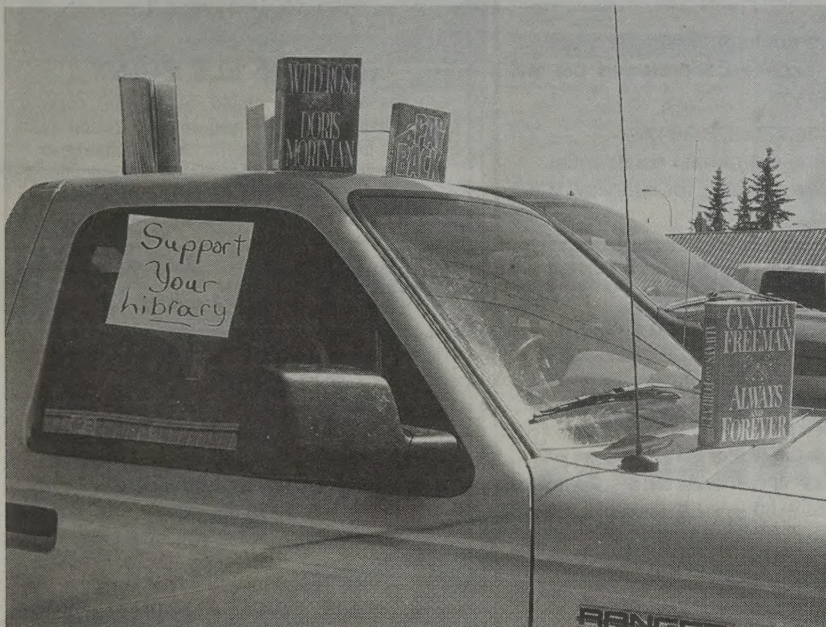
Library takes their show on the road

Elk Point Municipal Library took their fundraising used book sale on the road - or at least to the Elk Point Co-op parking lot - last Friday. Librarian Daphne Schnurer, Library Board chairman Laverne Wilson and a crew of library volunteers sold over a pickup load of used books during Friday's sale, with the weather cooperating nicely. The eye-catching display shown at left helped to bring customers over to see what was happening.

Area students graduate from LLC

Six Elk Point and Heinsburg residents graduated from Lakeland College during ceremonies held at the college's Vermilion campus on May 29 and at the Lloydminster campus on June 4.

Michelle Zapesocki and Hillary Lovell of Elk Point both graduated from Early Learning and Child Care, Allan MacDonald of Elk Point from Heavy Oil Operations Technician, Natalie Maas of Elk Point and Bailey Youngmans of Heinsburg from University Studies and Rayanne Pynten of Heinsburg from the Business Administration program.



Grazing and pasture plans help producers prepare for dry season

Previous experience has highlighted the need for livestock producers in Western Canada to have preparedness plans in place in the event of drier than normal summers.

"It's important to prepare a grazing plan that matches the estimated forage production to the animal numbers, and takes into consideration rest periods to allow plant recovery between grazings and the timing of forage growth patterns," says Grant Lastiwka, forage, grazing and beef specialist with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Olds. "Producers need to calculate what forage resources they have, what they can expect to grow and what is needed for their grazing year."

Producers should make a list of their pastures, the pasture size and estimated yield per acre. Multiply this out to get the yield/pasture. For example: 10 pastures that are 50 acres each and have an estimated yield of 2000 pounds per acre equals a pasture yield of 100,000 lbs per pasture for a total projected yield of 1,000,000 lbs.

Pick a realistic date when the cows go to pasture (for example June 2 at day 153) and when you think the grazing season will end

(October 30 - day 303). This means that 150 days of grazing are estimated. If this makes sense, calculations can continue, if not, adjust and recalculate. Take the total number of cow/calf pairs e.g. (150) and multiply by the daily forage consumed by each cow (about 2.5 per cent of body weight) and multiply this by the number of pairs to get the intake/day. Then multiply that number by the days of grazing and an estimate of needed forage can be determined. For example, if a producer has 150 cow/calf pairs and the average daily forage consumption is 45 lbs per pair (including 10 lbs as ungrazed residue) this means there is a daily need for 6750 lbs of forage. If that daily need is then multiplied by the 150 grazing days, the total forage need is 1,012,500 lbs.

In the first 10 pasture calculation, there was 1,000,000 lbs. of projected yield. Since this is about equal to the estimated needs of 1,012,500 lbs., the projections for forage and animals are well matched.

"Further planning takes into consideration rest periods," says Lastiwka. "To calculate this, take the number of pastures (in this example there are 10) and the number of herds (in this case one). Estimate a con-

servative rest period between grazings for plants to recover; for example, 60 days. This 60 days of rest divided by 9 (10 minus the pasture the herd is in) gives a grazing period of six to seven days per pasture. If the animals are left in each pasture for six to seven days, it will be at least 60 days before a pasture is regrazed. It is also important to consider the timing of the growth or growth pattern over the season."

If animal carrying capacity and pasture rest periods are in balance, it's time to look at the water situation. If short of water, it may be necessary to fence cattle out of the surface water sources and look into other water delivery systems.

When pasture and animals cannot be matched consider forage and animal options. Forage options are: greater grazing control, fertilizing, seeding annuals, renting pasture, extending the winter feeding period, supplementing on pasture or

sacrificing certain pastures. Cattle options are: grouping herds, selling open cows and yearlings, weaning early, culling cows, selling less productive cows or leasing out cows.

"Consider both the short and long-term grazing goals along with family and business goals," says Lastiwka. "Communicate concerns and possible alternatives to the people who have an effect on the outcome of these goals occurring. Function as a team to give feedback or carry out the needed actions. Communication is important to relieve stress and create success when facing a difficult situation, such as a drought year."

Look at the cash flow plan. "Pencil out" various alternatives and corresponding action dates. As a team, rank each possibility so that cool-headed decisions can be made in advance and acted on quickly in the "heat" of a drought. Tie actions to key dates so that

changes can be made far enough in advance if moisture conditions become poor or critical. Cut expenses before they occur and monitor cash flow monthly. If supplemental feed is accepted as an option (economically this is often too costly) make sure it is when it gives the best returns on its cost that is in early spring before pastures are overgrazed and the damage is done.

Drought, grazing and financial planning do not stop here as planning actions, monitoring results, controlling to stay on target and replanning-as-needed are a continual process for success.

CARD OF THANKS

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The family of Fred McAleese wish to thank Dr. Ramful, nurses and all staff of Elk Point Health Centre for the care given Fred prior to and during his last hospital stay.

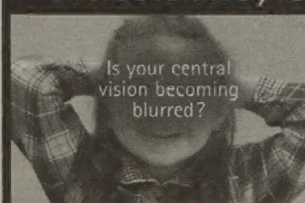
Our thanks to Father Ambrose for his heartfelt service and to Gabriel Bayduza for the music.

Thank you to Yewchin's Funeral Chapel for their guidance and compassion and to the ladies who provided the lovely lunch after the service.

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Developing a monitoring system and control options for honey bee pests

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Honey bees are the most valuable managed pollinator of crops. The value of pollination activities accounts for one third of the food produced in Western countries. Alberta is the largest honey-producing province in Canada. With over 235,000 bee colonies in 2008, the province has one third of Canada's bee colonies. The value of farm cash receipts from honey production and pollination rental fees ranges from \$40 to \$57.5 million per year.

In addition, the estimated contribution of honey bees to Alberta's crop industry production (canola, forage crops, clover, small fruits, etc.) through pollination is \$350 million per year. Beekeepers rent over 80,000 honey bee colonies per year for the pollination of hybrid canola in southern Alberta. These rented bee colonies used for pollinating hybrid canola in Alberta represent the largest number of colonies moved for pollinating a single crop in Canada.

"Alberta beekeepers experienced high winter losses (30 per cent per year) in 2007 and in 2008," says Medhat Nasr, provincial apiculturist with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Edmonton. "Preliminary reports for 2009 indicate that honey bee winter losses once again average approximately 28 per cent, ranging from 5 to 70 per cent. These reported high winterkill decreased the number of bee colonies in Alberta by 15 per cent in 2008 from the number of colonies reported in 2006. Honey production was also down by 25 per cent in Alberta (Statistics Canada 2008). The estimated cost of losses to beekeepers was up to \$25 million per year.

"These reported losses suggest that the entire beekeeping industry, including commercial beekeeping operations in Alberta, is at high risk. Failing to control Varroa mites and the newly discovered fungal disease, Nosema ceranae, will continue to significantly increase the risks of high annual losses of honey bee colonies in Alberta. Therefore, a completely new approach to improve capabilities of beekeepers to manage risk is required."

In response to the unfolding bee health calamity, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development has taken the lead in a partnership with the Alberta Beekeepers Commission, the hybrid canola seed production companies, the Southern Alberta Beekeepers Association and private commercial beekeeping operations to address this concern.

A research proposal was developed with the overall goal of developing a new applied approach that involves: developing a bee pest monitoring system that can predict population outbreaks of known pests and

provide an early warning to beekeepers for treatment; and offering viable effective control options to beekeepers; establishing an outreach education program to facilitate the implementation of the developed monitoring system in Alberta beekeeping management programs.

Alberta Crop Industry Development Fund (ACIDF) has agreed to financially support this proposal for the next three years based on matching funds from all industry partners. This new initiative will provide beekeepers with current information on seasonal abundances and distributions of Varroa mites and Nosema across Alberta. Beekeepers will have the ability to forecast outbreaks and treatment times for pests on honey bees. Miticides with new mode of actions and optimization of miticides used to control Varroa mites will be developed based on integrated pest management practices. A comprehensive outreach educational program with on-farm demonstrations to illustrate the developed management system will be carried out.

"Anticipated results of the project will enable Alberta beekeepers to reduce the annual colony losses to 10 to 15 per cent," says Nasr. "The beekeeping industry could save approximately \$15 to \$20 million per year in the replacement of dead colonies and loss of production. Beekeepers' profits will improve and they will be able to reinvest in growing their businesses. Improving pest management practices will enhance the consumers' confidence in the quality of Alberta honey. Moreover, hybrid canola growers and other growers using honey bees for pollination will be able to secure enough healthy bee supplies for pollinating their crops. Thus, these growers will be able to make additional revenues (approximately \$50 million) from improved seed production."

The financial support for this project provided by Alberta Crop Industry Development Fund (ACIDF), Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, Alberta Beekeepers Commission, Bayer CropScience, Pioneer Hybrid, Southern Alberta Beekeepers Association Poelman Apiaries Ltd and Greidanus Honey Mill is acknowledged and appreciated. Commercial beekeepers will be contacted to participate in this program. For more details, contact Medhat Nasr at (780) 415-2314 or e-mail medhat.nasr@gov.ab.ca.

For further information on beekeeping and winterkill, visit Alberta Agriculture's website at www.agriculture.alberta.ca/publications for fact sheets Beekeeping for Beginners and Honey Bees and Winterkill 2007.

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